MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

Measure needed to stop activist judges, politicians

Ken Burrows' letter was a complete misunderstanding of the same-sex marriage issue, a distortion of the mainstream conservative view on it and a misguided interpretation of the Constitution's role in the matter ("Dobson wants to mix church and state," March 16). It was not the opponents of same-sex marriage who put the matter on the national agenda. Rather, it was the lawless actions of liberal judges and mayors who aggressively attempted to redefine marriage against the overwhelming consensus of the American people.

The current proposed amendment, supported by most conservatives, does not call for, or even permit, government invasion into personal private lives as Burrows claims it does. In fact, the amendment not only would allow civil unions to be enacted by state legislatures but it would even allow these legislatures to enact full-fledged same-sex marriage.

What the amendment will not do, however, is permit federal or state courts, left-wing judges and mayors to impose radical changes in the marriage institution with a disregard for American public opinion. As columnist Thomas Sowell recently pointed out, marriage is a legal contract and to say that the government has no business in legal contracts is the same as saying the government has no business governing.

If we do not stop activist judges with an amendment now, there is nothing that will prevent them from continually redefining marriage to include every possible arrangement imaginable. The citizens of this country must preserve their right to rein in these judges and office-holders.

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Gays deserve the same rights as the rest of us

I find it deplorable that President Bush wants a constitutional ban on gay marriage. As the mother of a gay son, I can tell you that gays are repeatedly criticized and are treated as second-class citizens.

They are loving, law-abiding, good and decent people in most cases and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. My son served in the United States Air Force and received three meritorious commendation medals and letters from his commanders stating he was definitely a leader and an example of a fine, outstanding asset to the Air Force. If he so chooses to marry one day, I will be there right beside him to celebrate such a great event in his life.

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Who would judges rule against if couples divorce?

I only have one question about the whole gay marriage hoopla: What happens when a gay/lesbian couple who adopt or give birth to children get divorced? Traditionally, the courts have sided with and awarded custody to the mother. If there are two men, who does the judge rule against? Does the judge put the screws to both of them? What about two mothers? The judge won't have any clue about whom to blame or to bill.

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STORY BY AVI; IL

HE STORY SO FAR: In Boulder, the
on Amanda has taken to a life of
. Her twin brother, Philip, think-
against her will, is determined to

Joe

ate at night. City streets were
for a fancy black car moving si-
drove. Next to him, Amanda
and down.
ce looks cool," she cried. "I say we

he Boulder Police Station," Joe

on a few more blocks.
manda cried. "Bet there's sweet
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ht the car to a halt in front of a
He studied it. "Might do," he
ave a look." Large plastic bag in
oped out of the car. Amanda, with
ag, headed right for the house.
she called. "What are you waiting

a successful thief has to be careful."
you sound like my brother," Amanda
ampered along. Joe followed. The door
Next to it was a partially open window.
manda said. "Like before, you lift me up
through the window. Then I'll open the
Think you can do it, dude?"
da . . . "
l, baby, chill."
e picked up Amanda and set her by the
low. She slipped inside. "Now, get to the
r fast!" Joe called to her. He went back
the front door and waited.
When the door didn't open immediately,
put his ear against it. There was a
ash inside. He ran back to the window.
What's happening?" he cried.
"I knew this place would be cool," Aman-
called. "They've got some wicked gar-
"
get the garbage!" Joe cried. "Get the
n."
opened. In Amanda's paw was a bit of
c.
at?" Joe asked.
e of a toy. Has a cool shape."
Joe cried, "you don't seem to under-
thief isn't interested in junk."
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